

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 6 of page 1.

At page 1, above line 6, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

**Methods and Apparatus for Non-Invasive,
In Vivo Determination of Nerve Conductivity in Skin**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 6, between lines 18 and 19 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

At page 10, between lines 28 and 29 thereof, please insert the following new section headings and descriptions of the drawings:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a schematic illustration of an apparatus according to the invention.

Figures 2 and 3 show details of Fig. 1.

Figure 4 shows one variant of the apparatus.

Figure 5 is a graphical representation of a curve showing the changes in the amplitude of the potential of the A β fibers after a positive electrical stimulation as a function of time.